

Monthly Report Template for COMPETE Grantees

Grantee: Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa Ltd

Report for the month of: October 2011

Activities Activities should be directly in-line with your grant agreement	Activity Status If the activity has been accomplished, please give results. If the activity has not been accomplished, please provide an explanation.
To link input suppliers with producers and producers with buyers	Conversations with Green Mountain Coffee Roasters to contract containers of Kilicafe RITS coffee continue into the month of October and a final decision is likely to be made before the close of 2012. Another buyer from the UK, who has become aware of Kilicafe through hearing about the RITS program, has also expressed interest in purchasing a container of Kilicafe RITS coffee. Type-samples are currently being organized by Kilicafe's quality control manager and will be delivered in November. Finally this month, the focus has been on sourcing high-quality RITS coffee to fulfill Allegro's contract and Sustainable Harvest and Kilicafe's quality control teams have been working together to cup different coffees and find a blend to fill the desired profile. Allegro's pre-shipment sample will be ready to send in the first week of November.
To conduct trainings on: -Quality management training workshops -Wet mill management workshops -RFID/cell phone use workshops -RITS system workshops for dry mill managers and cuppers	This month no trainings were conducted under the RITS program. Instead, the focus has been on follow-up field sessions and trouble-shooting internet problems with the groups. At the beginning of October, Carly Griggs was able to travel with Vodacom engineer Amos Neneje to Pendo, Kishisha and Messengarony - three RITS groups facing larger issues with their internet connectivity. A diagnostic of the connection at each site was conducted and at present Vodacom are in the process of determining if simple changes in the positioning of their antenna on local towers could improve the current situation without a need for financial investment.
Collection, bulking, cleaning, sorting, drying, storage of RITS tracked coffee at the dry mill	In the month of October all ten RITS washing stations together tracked a total of 75257 Kg of cherry, bringing the grand total from the beginning of the 2011 harvest to 497424 Kg of cherry tracked using RITS, amounting to 4 containers of green coffee . Furthermore by the end of October \$85,000 in farmer payments had been made since the beginning of the season.

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Conduct market/ roasters' satisfaction assessment	This month, the IT staff in the US have been adapting the RITS system to allow for a pre-shipment sample to be created for a bulk of coffee representing a container. When Allegro's pre-shipment sample is sent in early November for approval, attached to it will be a QR code. This code can be scanned on reaching the US and Allegro staff will be able to see what their pre-shipment sample scored at origin, as well as all the lots of RITS coffee that contributes to that bulk, as far as the individual producers that delivered the coffee at each RITS washing station. Allegro will then complete a roasters' satisfaction assessment and all feedback will be sent to USAID/COMPETE alongside the November monthly report.
Conduct post-harvest survey	This is due to commence in November, when the 2011 coffee production slows and finally comes to an end in December.

Additional Information:

Also in this month, Sustainable Harvest at Origin/Africa received approval from USAID/COMPETE for a no-costs extension of the RITS Program into 2012. This allows for five new groups to be added, to bring the total for the pilot to 15 groups. Sustainable Harvest staff were able to convey this information to the Managing Director of Kilicafe, Geoffrey Mwa Ngulumbi at the end of the month and his appreciation was clear. Geoffrey recognizes the success this pilot has had and Kilicafe remain committed to expanding RITS beyond the scope of this program to reach more groups. Sustainable Harvest are committed to supporting Kilicafe in this endeavor and will use the no-cost extension to work closely with the leadership to ensure sustainability of the system into the future.